

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

Property Name: Lynch Farm Inventory Number: HA-2177
Address: 2523 Carsins Run Road Historic district: ☐ yes ☒ no
City: Aberdeen Zip Code: 21001 County: Harford

USGS Quadrangle(s): Perryman

Property Owner: Edward and Marie McBride Tax Account ID Number: 060937

Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 57 Tax Map Number: 57

Project: Section 200: I-95, North of MD 43 to North of MD 22 Agency: Maryland Transportation Authority

Agency Prepared By: A.D. Marble & Company

Preparer's Name: Emma Young Date Prepared: 8/31/2006

Documentation is presented in: Harford County Office of Land Records, Bel Air, Maryland.

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ☐ Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:

Name of the District/Property: _____

Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: ☐ yes ☐ no Listed: ☐ yes ☐ no

Site visit by MHT Staff ☐ yes ☒ no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Architectural Description:

The Lynch Farm, located at 2523 Carsins Run Road, Aberdeen, Harford County, Maryland, consists of a two-and-a-half-story, circa-1890, frame, vernacular dwelling situated on the east side of Carsins Run Road. The two-bay symmetrical façade faces west towards the road. A steeply pitched side-gabled roof, sheathed in standing seam metal, caps the main block of the dwelling. A two-story, front-gabled, rear ell extends off of the east elevation of the dwelling. An interior, brick chimney is located on the northern end of the main block, while an interior, brick chimney protrudes from the center of the rear ell. Aluminum siding covers the exterior of the dwelling, which sits atop a fieldstone foundation. The property is currently vacant, and the dwelling stands in fair condition with evidence of neglect.

A one-story, full-width, wooden entry porch extends across the east (front) elevation. Four, evenly spaced, turned spindle posts support the hipped roof clad in asphalt shingles. The main entry into the dwelling is situated in the southernmost bay and features a single-leaf, 12-light, wooden storm door and a single-leaf, wooden, paneled entry door. The façade is lit by two-over-two light, double-hung sash, wooden windows.

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The north elevation of the main block is devoid of openings, while the rear ell consists of two bays. A one-story, three-quarter-width porch extends across the first floor of the rear ell. Five, evenly spaced, wooden posts support the wooden, shingle-clad, shed roof. A secondary entrance, consisting of a single-leaf, one-light, wooden, paneled door, occupies the northernmost bay. Evenly spaced, single, two-over-two light, double-hung sash, wooden windows complete the elevation.

Ivy covers the first floor of the west (rear) elevation. A single, two-over-two light, double-hung sash, wooden window is located in the gable of the rear ell. One, two-over-two light, double-hung sash, wooden window is located in the southernmost bay of the main block.

The south elevation of the main block features a single, two-over-two light, double-hung sash, wooden window on the both first and second floors. A one-story, semi-enclosed, shed-roof addition extends the length of the south elevation of the rear ell. Three, hand-hewn posts support the open eastern end of the addition. A secondary entrance consisting of a single-leaf, three-light, wooden screen door occupies the center bay. A single, two-over-two light, double-hung sash, wooden window sits to the east of the entrance. A board-and-batten door is located off to the south of the window. One, two-over-two light, double-hung sash, wooden window is situated in the enclosed section of the addition. Two, two-over-two light, double-hung sash, wooden windows comprise the second floor of the south elevation of the rear ell.

The property includes several outbuildings, all of which are in poor condition. A one-story, side-gabled, white-washed timber frame shed sits to the northwest of the dwelling. The building sits atop a foundation comprised of poured concrete and concrete block. Two, six-light, fixed-sash, wooden windows are located on the east elevation. A set of double-leaf, timber frame doors, attached with metal strap hinges, is located on the west elevation.

An underground storage cellar, detached completely from the house, is situated to the north of the shed. A partially banked ramp denotes the entrance into the cellar, which is comprised of fieldstone walls. Ivy conceals the top of the ramp so that further details are not discernible.

Located to the southeast of the cellar entrance sits a one-story, front-gabled, whitewashed, vertical board shed. The one-bay open arcade faces west towards the road. Ivy and lush vegetation conceal the majority of the building so that further details were indiscernible. In addition, a concrete block foundation and wall provides the only evidence of a larger structure once located immediately to the south of the vertical board shed.

A one-and-a-half-story, front-gabled, whitewashed vertical board barn occupies the far northern corner of the building cluster. The building contains a one-bay, shed-roof extension off of the west elevation. Dense vegetation prevented any further investigation of the building.

Historical Narrative:

The property known today as 2523 Carsins Run Road is attributed to a 57.12-acre parcel that straddled Carsins Run Road immediately north of a 40-acre tract called "Abbots Forest." Architectural styling of the present-day dwelling suggests a circa 1890 construction date.

In the last quarter of the nineteenth century, James Walsh purchased numerous farms within the vicinity of Carsins Run Road. The farmstead of approximately 57 acres may be associated with a 117-acre farm purchased by James Walsh from Edward Dietrich by a deed dated November 5, 1888 (Harford County Land Record Liber 62, Folio 275). James Walsh died sometime prior to May 17, 1890, when his will was probated with the Harford County Recorder of Wills (Harford County Will Liber 11, Folio 99).

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The estate of James Walsh conveyed a 57.12-acre tract of land to James Lynch by a deed dated June 13, 1892. Following the death of James Lynch, the property passed to Lynch's wife, Ann. According to the specifications of Lynch's Will, following the death of Ann Lynch, the property was to pass to their children: William, James, Kate and Mary (Harford County Will Liber 11, Folio 439).

By a deed dated October 4, 1923, Mary Lynch, the only surviving heir, conveyed the 57.12-acre property to Joseph and Sadie Kunasek (Harford County Land Record Liber 195, Folio 285). The Kunaseks also purchased a discontinuous tract of land east of present-day Carsins Run Road from Albert and Theresa Jersey by a deed dated April 1, 1931 (Harford County Land Record Liber 218, Folio 323).

By a deed dated October 1, 1948, Joseph and Sadie Kunasek conveyed three tracts of land to James and Nessie Johnson. The tracts consisted of the 57.12-acre tract located on both sides of Carsins Run Road, a 40.0-acre tract on the east side of Carsins Run Road (and south of the 57.12-acre portion) and a discontinuous 30.0-acre tract of land located east of Carsins Run Road (described in Harford County Plat Book 7, Page 57). The land was subject to a mortgage of \$14,000 (Harford County Land Record Liber 321, Folio 387).

In 1957, the Johnsons sold the property consisting of a 95.71-acre tract partitioned from the above-mentioned tracts fronting Carsins Run Road to Augustus UnKart, Minnie Schaad, and Edward S. and Marie E. McBride (Harford County Land Record Liber 486, Folio 504). The McBride's retain 56.0 acres on the east side of Carsins Run Road today.

Statement of Significance:

The Lynch Farm located at 2523 Carsins Run Road consists of a typical late-nineteenth-century, frame, vernacular dwelling that is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The dwelling represents a common architectural style and form found throughout Harford County. Furthermore, the outbuildings stand in poor and dilapidated condition, and the property no longer retains a historic barn or continues under active agrarian use. Therefore, the property is not eligible for listing in the National Register as a farm complex.

The quality of significance in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture is present in districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, and:

- A. that are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; or
- B. that are associated with the lives of significant persons in our past;
- C. that embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
- D. that have yielded or may be likely to yield information important in history or prehistory.

The Lynch Farm is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A. The property is not associated with any events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of history.

The Lynch Farm is not eligible under Criterion B, as it has no known association with the lives of individuals of historical importance.

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The Lynch Farm is not eligible under Criterion C, as the buildings do not possess the distinctiveness necessary to qualify them for listing in the National Register. The buildings do not embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction. The two-story vernacular style is a common architectural form for dwellings found throughout Harford County and Maryland. The buildings do not represent the work of a master nor does it possess high artistic values.

The property was not evaluated for eligibility under Criterion D as part of the current investigation.

Integrity:

The Lynch Farm retains integrity of design and location but lacks integrity of materials, workmanship, setting, association, and feeling. The dwelling contains replacement exterior materials and the porches are dilapidated, all of which compromise integrity of materials and workmanship. Mature vegetation has overrun the outbuildings on the property, and the original farm plan is no longer discernible, all of which compromise integrity of setting, feeling, and association.

References:

Harford County Office of Land Records, Bel Air, Maryland
1888 Land Record Liber 62, Folio 275

1923 Land Record Liber 195, Folio 285

1931 Land Record Liber 218, Liber 323

1948 Land Record Liber 321, Folio 387

1957 Land Record Liber 486, Folio 504

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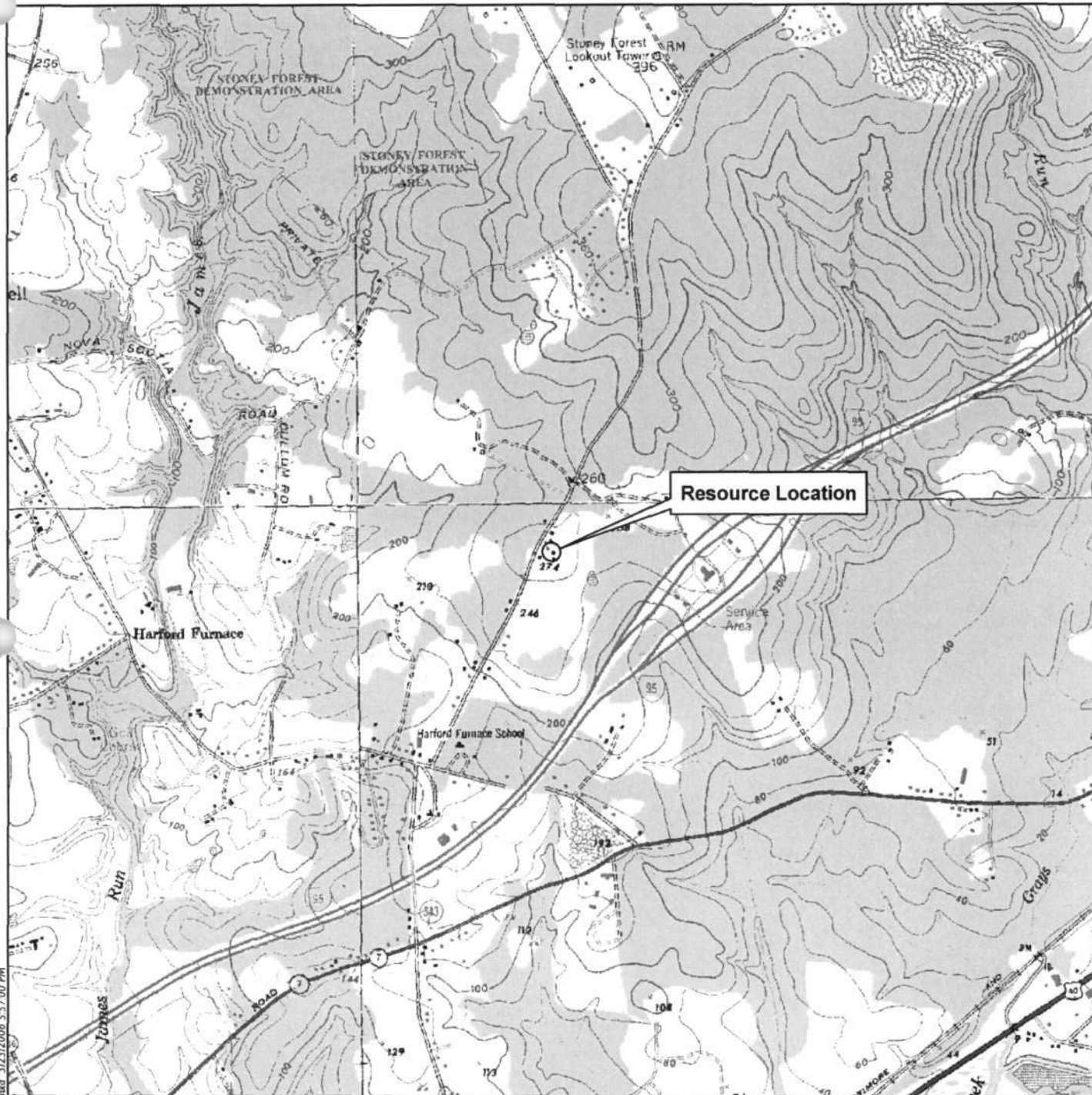
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Sources: USGS 7.5' Topographic Quadrangle (Perryman, MD); ESRI



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Dwelling - west elevation; view to east

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Dwelling - west & south elevations; view to northeast

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Shed - north & west elevations; view to southeast

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Shed - east & south elevations; view to northwest

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entrance to detached root cellar

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Garage - west elevation; view to east

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Barn Ruins - view to east

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Gable Barn-south elevation; view to north

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